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Dimock Daily Report

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FIELD ACTIVITY

Water Supply (Gerald Heston)

- The ERRS contractor delivered bulk water to all 4 residents today. A daily schedule for water delivery continues (7 days a week). While the water truck is remaining on-site to facilitate deliveries, the OSC is still investigating options for larger storage tanks. Bottled drinking water is also being supplied on an “as needed” basis, with the contractor checking that status daily.

Water Sampling (Gerald Heston)

- The OSC has concurred with ERRS’ recommendation to provide security through direct labor at a lesser cost than subcontracting with a security firm.
- Sampling at the 2nd home was attempted this morning, but the well pump could not be used because it had been damaged (not by EPA). That resident will get the pump repaired and contact EPA to return for sampling. A third resident was sampled this afternoon.
- A total of twelve (12) homes are scheduled for sampling on Wednesday (January 25), Thursday (January 26) and Friday (January 27); four (4) each day. Five (5) of these next 12 homes have agreed to split samples with PADEP and Cabot.

Community Outreach /Communications

- A Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC) was on-site at the Sautner residence most of today during the sampling event. No press was present. There was one blogger from Endicott, NY (TomWilber@blogspot.com) who had a photographer with him. Trish Taylor (CIC) spoke to him briefly but no formal interview was conducted. (Helen Duteau)
- The CIC and OSC team completed two (2) outstanding well surveys today. In addition, they were able to get contact information for an outstanding resident whose well is scheduled to be sampled. CICs plan to distribute the remainder of the fact sheets today (bad weather prevented delivery over the weekend). (Helen Duteau)
- Yesterday, Dennis Carney, Cecil Rodrigues, and Jennie Saxe participated with HQ OCIR (Pamela Janifer) in a briefing for House Energy and Commerce majority staff and Senate Environment and Public Works minority staff. Background on the situation, EPA's involvement, and authorities were covered and questions about response cost, constituents found in water samples, potential link to Cabot, state involvement, and scope of investigation were fielded. (Jennie Saxe)

Legal Issues (Humane Zia)

- Humane Zia placed a call to counsel for Cabot, to set up a meeting between EPA and Cabot, in response to Cabot's request for such a meeting for them to review their data to us. Cabot's counsel will coordinate with her client and get back to us regarding logistics. Humane also placed a call to a newly identified counsel to some of the residents, but was not able to directly speak with the counsel yet

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